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LAW DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

TO: Mr. W. McDowell
FROM: Art Palmer
SUBJECT: PROJECT GROW

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Following up on our previous discussion by telephone, I wish to report that we have found no patent infringement question regarding patents of Brown and Williamson with respect to our proposed filter system as far as it relates to using a pouch-like insert of granular material.

On the other hand there is one patent of Liggett's covering in narrow detail some of the equipment features used in making our export Lark products, and the original effort here in Engineering was based on using the particular injection wheel involved in that equipment. It seems likely that we can make sufficient changes to avoid that patent if time permits. Also, it is comforting that the patent will expire on July 5, 1981.

We will continue to follow the situation closely as Engineering proceeds with their design work, and will let you know if we learn of any cause to believe that a license might be needed.

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